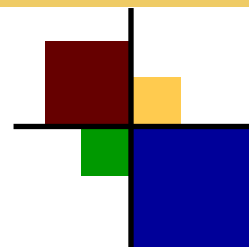




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Chair's Corner – Kaye Jones-Templin

Kaye Jones-Templin's professional life has been dedicated entirely to children in her efforts of advocacy, justice, safety, basic needs and education.

Kaye has been a member of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board since it's inception in 1996. She currently serves as Chair of the Board and serves as a member of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). Her service on the Government Relations Committee of CJJ provides insight and access to federal issues and policies.



She obtained her BSW (Bachelor of Social Work) at Morehead State University and her MSW (Master of Social Work) at the University of Kentucky, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She designed and implemented a program which combined her love of athletics and her skills as a social worker when, as a non-traditional student and undergraduate herself, she became the first Academic Advisor to the men's basketball team at Morehead State. *Continued on page 8*

Lexington Title V Program Receives National Award

On August 19, 2008 at the annual Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) State Relations Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, Greg Thompson, Associate Administrator for OJJDP, presented Laura McCauley, State Delinquency Prevention Specialist and Title V Coordinator, a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of Kentucky's administration for the



Title V Incentive Grant; highlighting the Truancy Assessment Center Program funded through the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. *Continued on page 8*

Speak Up!



Charles Badger

Few times are citizens called upon to serve in such a consequential way to help their state. I feel honored to work with such a dedicated and skilled group of public servants to serve the juvenile justice system of this state."

Juvenile Justice Advisory Board

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board is Kentucky's federally mandated State Advisory Group (SAG) on juvenile justice issues. Created in 1997, it has played a pivotal role in reforming Kentucky's juvenile justice system and creating an effective, equitable system to prevent juvenile crime and delinquency.

VALUES STATEMENT

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board believes that an investment in youth today is an investment in the future. It values a system in which youth are held accountable while being provided appropriate and effective prevention, interventions and treatment programs and services. It values the diversity of all youth and believes that youth should be treated justly, respectfully and equitably regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

VISION

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board aspires to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky youth and their families by being the voice for young people without a voice, by building bridges to communication and collaboration at all levels of the juvenile justice system, and by promoting opportunities for all youth to achieve success.

MISSION

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Board is committed to enhancing the quality of life for all youth in the Commonwealth by actively advising the Governor, policymakers and the public on matters related to improving system of care, enhancing interagency community collaboration, and promoting effective programming necessary to serve the whole child.



Davis Named Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice

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On October 31, 2008, Justice and Public Safety Secretary J. Michael Brown announced Hasan Davis as Deputy Commissioner of Operations at the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Davis is the founder of Empowerment Solutions, which offers training and resources to correctional facilities, community organizations, schools and non-profit groups nationwide in areas relating to youth, race, cultural dynamics and arts education. Previously, he served as Director of Cultural Arts Outreach for Bluegrass Community and Technical College and was Co-Manager for the Rockefeller Foundation's Next Generation Leadership Program. He is a former director for the National Conference for Communities and Justice's Camp Anytown and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Youth Violence Prevention Project.

In addition, Davis served as chair of the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, a position he held for 10 years, and has been vice chair of the Federal Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee for three years. He is also a board member of the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the Council for the Education of At-Risk and Delinquent Youth. A 1992 graduate of Berea College, he also holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

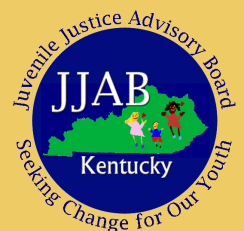


Hasan Davis
Deputy Commissioner

"Hasan brings a unique set of qualifications to this role, and I'm delighted that he is willing to serve," Brown said.



At the December 12, 2008 JJAB meeting Hasan Davis, pictured here with Kaye Jones-Templin, JJAB Chair, received a Distinguished Service Award for his service to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.



SEJAY (Subcommittee of Equity and Justice for All Youth)



The Subcommittee of Equity and Justice for All Youth (SEJAY) advises the JJAB and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on the issue of disproportionate minority representation in the juvenile justice system, and its causes and remedies; advocates for the full implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, especially the fourth core requirement; develops policy and funding recommendations relating to this issue; and supports efforts to improve the quality of juvenile justice for all Kentucky citizens.

Mission Statement:

The SEJAY will promote equality for all youth in Kentucky's Juvenile Justice System through recommendations based on research; training; education; policy; and program implementation, with a current priority on Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC).

SEJAY Member Spotlight

Pastor Edward Palmer, SEJAY Vice Chair



Pastor Edward Palmer has served as a member of the SEJAY for the last 6 years and currently serves as Vice Chair of the subcommittee. As Vice Chair he has been instrumental in promoting the work of the SEJAY to develop Disproportionate Minority Contact reduction initiatives in four Kentucky counties.

In addition to his service to the SEJAY, Pastor Palmer is active in many local community organizations that promote equity and justice for every citizen in Kentucky. He has received numerous awards for his service and dedication including many community and military awards and the Governor's Cup.

Pastor Palmer's commitment and passion for reducing DMC in Kentucky is evident when you hear him speak. "If we keep silent, who will speak up about this issue?" asked Palmer at a recent SEJAY meeting.

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Over the next three years, Pastor Palmer hopes to sustain the local community efforts to reduce DMC and continue to provide education and technical assistance that will ensure the development of additional reduction initiatives.

Madison County Update

By: Erin Kelley, Local Coordinator

The Madison County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) project began in mid-July of 2008 when the DMC Project Coordinator was hired. At that point, data was requested from The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) regarding juvenile arrest and confinement numbers. While awaiting the quantitative data, we began collecting qualitative data and establishing contacts within the community by conducting numerous interviews with police officers, school officials, activists and prominent leaders within the Madison County community.

When we obtained and began analyzing the data sets, DMC does appear to be an issue in Madison County. For example, amongst DJJ data, during a ten year period from 1997 – 2007, out of 425 unique youths who were charged with a crime, 16% of these youths were African American. This is significant when compared to the 2000 Census findings which list the African American juvenile population in Madison County as 4.8%. The data has further been broken down into tables demonstrating the top crimes, crimes based on race and other charts to help us get a better sense of the data and to determine if there are any obvious problem areas contributing to DMC.

The next steps in the DMC initiative in Madison County begin with digging more deeply into the AOC and DJJ data to determine (when possible) the proportion of nonwhite youths involved at every level of the juvenile justice filter to determine if there is any particular level at which DMC is most problematic. This will require some tedious analysis of the current data, along with the possibility that further data will need to be collected from other Madison county criminal justice agencies as well. Next, we will code and analyze the DJJ and AOC data to complete the Relative Rate Index (RRI) spreadsheet for Madison County using the ten years of data we have available. While initial RRI numbers indicate DMC, this spreadsheet is much more comprehensive and will give us a better picture of the problem. Finally, given the nature of the findings from the DJJ data, further exploration into factors associated with contempt of court and probation violations may be fruitful in reducing DMC. As such, we will attempt to interview (or re-interview) probation officers and court personnel so that we can better understand the factors associated with these charges.

For more information about the Madison County DMC
reduction initiative, contact Erin Kelley at
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SEJAY 2009 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at
the Administrative
Office of the Courts
Juvenile Services
Conference Room
(Building 12) from
10:00am-12:00pm EST.

January 13

March 10

May 12

July 14

September 17 & 18
(retreat)

November 10

The Voices of
Kentucky Youth



Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth (SKY)

The purpose of the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth (SKY) is to unite youth across the state of Kentucky in an effort to advise the Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on issues concerning youth. Formed in 2007, the SKY is made up of young people, ages 14-24, from across the Commonwealth.

The mission of the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth (SKY) is to provide young people with an opportunity to voice their perspectives, ideas and concerns in order to make recommendations to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.



SKY members participate in retreat at General Butler State Park. From left to right Racynnio Rankin, Kelly Cline, Ben Deaton, Jessica Amburgey, Charles Badger

SKY 2009 Meeting Schedule

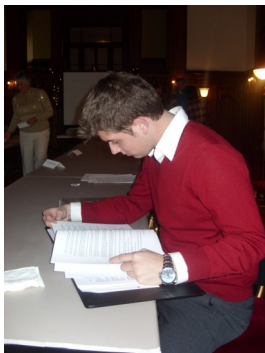
January 24
March 7
May 16
July 18
September 17 & 18
(Retreat)
November 14

For meeting time and
location contact
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Submit information for the newsletter! Send ideas, articles and pictures to Stephanie Reynolds at StephanieL.Reynolds@ky.gov



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Ben Deaton attends the December 12, 2008 JJAB meeting.

Ben Deaton — SKY Chair

Ben Deaton has always been an active member of his community. As a high school student he was involved in many activities including the Hardin County Teen Court and Youth Leadership Club. So when the time came to take his leadership skills and commitment to the state level he jumped at the chance.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the JJAB and SKY," said Deaton.

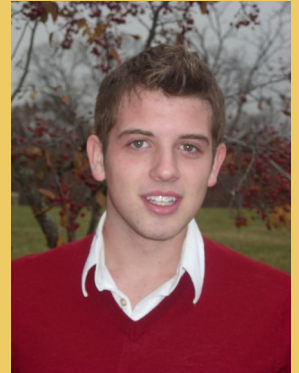
Ben currently serves as the Chair of the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth (SKY) and is an active member of the JJAB.

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As Chair of the SKY, Ben was instrumental in moving the subcommittee forward. At their retreat in September, the SKY developed a strategic plan that will guide their work over the next three years.

"I am very excited that we completed our Three Year Plan to guide us through our next steps in making SKY a progressive and successful subcommittee," said Deaton at the retreat.

Ben plans to stay involved with the JJAB for the next several years as he finishes his degree at the University of Kentucky. When he is not attending meetings and trainings, he enjoys running and playing tennis.



Ben Deaton, Chair

Special thanks to Stacy Floden and Brenda Perry for their assistance with the JJAB newsletter.

Chair's Corner, *Continued*

She returned to Morehead State University, in the role of adjunct faculty, teaching undergraduate classes in The History of Social Welfare as well as Policy. She has served as a mentor to both undergraduates and graduate students from many different colleges and universities.

Kaye began her career at Gateway Juvenile Diversion Project, Inc. in 1987 as Residential Director and has served as Executive Director/CEO since 1989. She has overseen the agency's growth from an 8-bed facility providing basic necessities of shelter care serving seven counties with an annual budget of \$132,000 to its current position as a nationally accredited agency and its move to a new location featuring a state-of-the art 24 bed facility with an innovative treatment program that contracts with the Department for Community Based Services, the Department for Juvenile Justice and serves the entire state of Kentucky with a budget of \$1,250,000.

She also serves on the Executive Committee of Children's Alliance of Kentucky, the organization of private child care providers in Kentucky. Serving as a Registered Legislative Agent to the Kentucky General Assembly since 1990, she has provided opportunity for her to testify before subcommittees and lobby issues relating to Juvenile Justice and Gateway.

Kaye is a Leadership Kentucky graduate class of 1995, Blueridge Institute member since 1999, United Way of the Bluegrass, BB/BS of the Bluegrass, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force, Governor's Education Equity Task Force, Champions Against Drugs, 4-H leader, Trustee of Owingsville Christian Church and many other groups and agencies involved with children.

Kaye and her husband Matt live in Owingsville. They both enjoy traveling, sports, and spending time with their 5 adult children, their spouses and their 4 grandchildren.

Lexington Title V Program Receives National Award

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On October 23, 2008, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Truancy Assessment Center, was presented with an Outstanding Program Award on behalf of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Kentucky Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and the Department of Juvenile Justice.



Pictured from Left to Right: Laura McCauley, DJJ, Gary Wiseman, Fayette County Schools, Cassie Jackson, Partners for Youth, Terry Stivers, Partners for Youth, Stephanie Hong, Partners for Youth, Hasan Davis, Chair JJAB



Dr. Kevin Minor and Hasan Davis present Kelly Cline with the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth Scholarship.

Serving Her Community

Kelly Cline is a true leader. From an early age she recognized that service to her school and community was important. When she began college in 2002 she brought that ethic of service with her.

During her undergraduate career at Eastern Kentucky University she was active in many student organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Correctional and Juvenile Justice Association.

After graduating in 2006, Kelly became a Juvenile Counselor with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

In 2007, as a JJAB member, Kelly founded the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth to allow young people in Kentucky to have an active voice at the state level. To ensure that the SKY progressed, Kelly volunteered to assist with recruitment of members, development of bylaws and meeting updates.

“It’s important for young people to have a voice in the juvenile justice system,” said Cline.

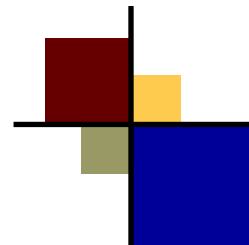
Kelly was the first recipient of the Subcommittee of Kentucky Youth Scholarship. The scholarship is a partnership between the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and Eastern Kentucky University’s College of Justice and Safety.

“I was honored to receive the SKY Scholarship,” said Cline. The scholarship has allowed Kelly to finish her Master’s Degree.

Kelly’s future plans include continuing to work with the Department of Juvenile Justice with the hope of expanding her role to include juvenile code revisions, policy and procedures, and the development and implementation of treatment oriented programs in order to integrate youth back within their home communities.



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JJAB 2009 Meeting Schedule

February 20
April 23
June 26
September 17 & 18
October 22
December 11

For more information about meeting times and locations,
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